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RESEARCH OF COCONUT/ARECANUT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to raise the standard of research of various plantation crops like coconut and arecanut in the C.P.C.R.I`s in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and benefits likely to be accrued therefrom?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) The research programmes on plantation crops like coconut and arecanut at C.P.C.R.I., Kasaragod in Kerala has been strengthened.

(b) The thrust areas identified on coconut and arecanut are - enrichment of gene bank, control of diseases and pests, development of palms based cropping system, development of high yielding varieties, product diversification and bye-product utilization and socio-economic appraisal of new technologies. The benefits anticipated are enhancement of yield and improving the economic returns to the growers.